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**PATENT**

Docket No. 015916-261

**Applicant:** Bencini

**Serial No.:** 09/548,465

**Filing Date:** April 13, 2000

**Title:** Steerable Device For  
Introducing Diagnostic And Therapeutic  
Apparatus Into The Body

**Group Art Unit:** 3763

**Examiner:** Sirmons

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Mail Stop - RCE**

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests Continued Examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Petition For Extension of Time

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

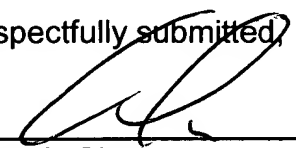
- a. ☐ The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0638
- i. ☐ RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$790 and \$120 are enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

5/12/05  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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